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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12TH STREET, S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554
ATTENTION: WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU**

**RE: PUBLIC NOTICE: COMMENT ON PETITIONS REGARDING OFF-CAMPUS USE OF
EXISTING E-RATE SUPPORTED CONNECTIVITY**

The Commission has, in the past, indirectly expressed an interest in identifying the use of broadband networks to be used for educational purposes. Later, it went on record “clarifying” the meaning of *EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES* as “activities that are integral, immediate, and proximate to the education of students...”

Such clarifications were welcomed as a step in the right direction. Further, in 2010, the Commission “revised the E-rate rules to allow schools to open its facilities, when classes are not in session, to the general public...” Ultimately, these actions have led to “now requiring schools to certify that [such broadband] services be used for educational services...”

Still, *the opportunity to provide students with subsidized broadband services for educational purposes to/at their homes remains basically “blocked”....* Thus, **Miami-Dade County Public Schools wishes to, once again, go on record as officially supporting “E-RATE SUBSIDIZED BROADBAND NETWORKS TO BE ACCESSED BY STUDENTS FROM THEIR HOMES WITHOUT REQUIRING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY FOR THE PORTION OF THE TRAFFIC ATTRIBUTABLE TO OFF-CAMPUS USE.**

As such, we respectfully file this COMMENT with the FCC in support of such Petition.

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